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SUBJ: TRAVELS OF GUATEMALAN MILITARY OFFICERS.

1. NAVY COMMANDER, ADMIRAL RICARDO PERALTA MENDEZ WILL BE IN NEW ORLEANS WITH TWO OTHER GUATEMALAN NAVAL OFFICERS AND USMILGP NAVAL SECTION CHIEF FROM NOV 10-16. PRUPOSE OF TRAVEL IS VISIT TO SHIPPING CO. BUILDING PATROL BOATS FOR GUATEMALAN NAVY.

2. ON OCT 31 (DAY GUATEMALAN APC'S WERE MOVED TO PETEN) CONSULATE RECEIVED NOTE REQUESTING VISAS FOR 50 GUATEMALAN MILITARY OFFICERS GOING TO MIAMI FOR "RECREATIONAL" PURPOSES. GROUP CONSISTED OF 11 COLONELS, 6 LTCOLS, 17 CAPTS, 16 LTS. GROUP WAS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL NOV 3 TO 7. A SIMILAR GROUP OF 49 HAD TRAVELLED TO MIAMI OCT 13 TO 17.

3. GROUP OF HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS FROM CENTRO DE ESTUDIOS MILITARES, GUATEMALA'S WAR COLLEGE, TRAVELLED
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TO CANAL ZONE IN LATE OCT FOR A WEEK. GROUP WAS LED BY

CEM COMMANDER BRIG GEN RENE MENDOZA.

4. COMMENT: FREQUENCY WITH WHICH LARGE NUMBER OF
GUATEMALAN MILITARY HAVE BEEN TRAVELLING OUTSIDE COUNTRY
APPEARS TO US INCONSISTENT WITH IMMINENT THREAT OF
MILITARY ACTION AGAINST BELIZE.
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